

**A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Anthony B. Toran, Matt Denison, Chas Hunter, Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, Deputy City Clerk Mindy Milburn, Controller Kay Garry, City Attorney Shane Gibson,

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item #1- Sherrie Holmes, New Albany Redevelopment re: Durgee Road Industrial Park**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that they were talking about the 40 acres on Durgee road that was donated by Mr. Shine. He explained that Hoosier energy, a local co-opt of energy companies came to the City because they need a transfer station to supply the needs of New Albany, Jeffersonville and Clarksville and they want to build on two acres of the forty acres. He stated that Mr. Shine has given the okay for the use of this two acres and he believes it will actually help the industrial park area. He explained that they have had appraisals done on it and they are paying the higher of the two rates.

**Mr. Hunter** asked if they had taken action on this before

**Mr. Gibson** stated that he knows it has been brought before the board before but this is to finalize it.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve the resolution, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Item #2 - Tony Schindler or Leo Messmer with Dan Cristiani re: road closing Hausfeldt Lane and Park Place**

**Mr. Mesmer** stated that they had been hired to do some work on Reed's Lane and part of the job is to install a water main but in order to make the connection they need to cross Hausfeldt Lane. He presented a map of the detour that they propose so that they may do the work. He stated that they would be digging up close to the curb to make the tap and on the second day of construction they are asking for the road to be closed for safety reasons. He explained that they do not like to disrupt the school buses and their normal routes so they are asking for the closing to work around that schedule. He stated that they are looking to do the work on January the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Toran** thanked him for taking the bus routes into consideration.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve the closing January 8<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor**

**Mr. Toran** asked Chief Mason to contact dispatch.

**Mr. Mesmer** stated that they would also contact dispatch as well to give them the details.

**Item #3 - Matt Denison re: Award of Request for Bids regarding excess property**

**Mr. Gibson** explained that most of this is just clean up and he stated that they had called for bids for excess property back in June but only one company responded to use the equipment and he explained that no agreement was signed off on and he has before the board today the actual agreement stated that Southern Indiana Waste was the only bid and that they are using the equipment and paying the City a set amount.

**Mr. Denison moved to approve the formal agreement for excess property, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor**

**Mr. Gibson** said he would have this for them at the end of the day

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item #1 - Officer State, on behalf of Rhonda Clark re: school crossing signs on McDonald Avenue for children leaving Fairmont Elementary.**

**Not Present**

**Mr. Wood** presented to the board the Inner-City Grid Transportation Study with a number of alternatives to calm traffic, reduce speeds, and create a safer environment for the inner-city. He discussed the alternatives with the board and stated that they are under no obligation today to make any decisions but just to accept the study.

**Mr. Toran** stated that since they started the process he thinks they should accept the study and let the next administration choose which way to go with this.

**Mr. Denison moved to accept the inner city study, Mr. Hunter second, all voted**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Mr. Toran** presented the floral decoration and adornment policy for the cemetery and stated that the board needed to go over it and approve it.

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.**

**Chief Mason** presented a request for the following changes in the New Albany Fire Department:

Ladderman Ben Fee from Truck 1 A-Crew to ALS Squad A-Crew

Sergeant Greg Wenning Engine 1 B-Crew to Acting Captain Engine 1 B-Crew

**Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor**

**Chief Mason** addressed the board about the six new hires and stated that he was waiting to hear from PERF. He explained that he had contacted them twice but has not heard back yet.

**Mr. Toran** asked Mrs. Isom if they were ready to go with these new firemen on the Cities end.

**Mrs. Isom** stated that yes they are ready to go they are only waiting on PERF

**Mr. Denison moved to approve John Allee, Dieter Geckler, Jr, Jon Jones, Arron Sparks, Ronald Stringer and Jason Werle pending the PERF acceptance, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.**

**Mr. Simons** stated that everything they talked about this morning should be taken care of except for the riverfront 10 mph signs and those will be ordered.

**Mr. Toran** asked about West Fifth one way sign by the museum.

**Mr. Simons** said that there were two one-way signs installed in that area and stated that the project that MAC and the water company did and gave them blanket permission for street cuts but they are supposed to send the diagrams in but it won't be done before the first of the year and the incoming administration needs to be informed that these street cuts have not been paid for yet.

**Mrs. Garry** stated that they have lost 10 firefighters and they will use 5 more December 31<sup>st</sup> so the money is in the budget for these new hires.

**Chief Mason** stated that hopefully bringing the personnel up to 82% that will cut down on overtime.

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:**

**BIDS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Denison** moved to approve the minutes from December 18<sup>th</sup>, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony B. Toran, President

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Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk